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1. DCM, ACCOMPANIED BY SCIENCE OFFICER AND P&C OFFICER, MET WITH MFA AND FMTID REPRESENTATIVES MORNING APRIL 5 FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PORTION OF EXCHANGES AGREEMENT. CZECHOSLOVAK SIDE LED BY SIXTH DEPARTMENT CHIEF ZANTOVSKY.

2. ZANTOVSKY PRESENTED RATIONALE FOR CZECHOSLOVAK DRAFT ARTICLES 4 AND 5, ARGUING (IN SUPPORT OF ARTICLE 4) THAT BOTH INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL SCIENTIFIC/TECHNOLOGICAL AFFAIRS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA ARE HANDLED BY FMTID AND IMPLYING THAT US SHOULD IDENTIFY CORRESPONDING AGENCY ON ITS SIDE. DCM REPLIED THAT NO PRECISE COUNTERPART TO FMTID EXISTS IN US, AND WE WOULD THEREFORE NOT FILL IN THE BLANK SPACE IN CZECHOSLOVAK ARTICLE 4, ALTHOUGH WE WOULD
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HAVE NO OBJECTION TO CZECHOSLOVAK SIDE DESIGNATING FMTID IF IT SO

DESIRED SINCE, HOWEVER, FMTID OBVIOUSLY ANGLING FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF
A
DIRECT RELATIONSHIP WITH NSF, DCM CALLED ZANTOVSKY ATTENTION TO US
DRAFT ARTICLE III.2, WHICH COULD SERVE AS BASIS FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF
SUCH RELATIONSHIP WHERE APPROPRIATE.

3. ZANTOVSKY PUSHED FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF PERMANENT JOINT COMMISSION
(CZECHOSLOVAK DRAFT ARTICLE 5) WHICH WOULD HAVE CO-CHAIRMEN,
SECRETARIES, WORKING GROUPS, AND SO FORTH, CLAIMING THAT SUCH COMM-
MISSION WOULD ASSURE ORDERLY MUTUAL CONSULTATIONS BY "SPECIALISTS"
ON BOTH SIDES. DCM NOTED THAT US DID NOT SEE NECESSITY OR
DESIRABILITY FOR SUCH JOINT COMMISSION BECAUSE OF WAY IN WHICH US
SCIENTIFIC/TECHNOLOGICAL COMMUNITY IS ORGANIZED. WE EXPECT THAT
IMPLEMENTATION WOULD BE AGREED IN MEETINGS OF EXPERTS, BUT WOULD
HAVE NO PRACTICAL WAY OF DESIGNATING A PERMANENT
"COMMITTEE" OR "CHAIRMAN" ON US SIDE. THEREFORE WE WOULD NOT ACCEPT
PROVISION FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF SUCH COMMISSION. ZANTOVSKY
EMPHASIZED THAT CZECHOSLOVAK DESIRE FOR JOINT COMMISSION WAS BASED ON
NECESSITY FOR MAINTAINING CONTINUITY IN COMMUNICATIONS AND POINTS OF
REFERENCE. DCM REITERATED THAT CONTINUITY IS POSSIBLE UNDER ARRANGE-
MENTS WE HAD IN MIND.

4. DCM SUGGESTED TURNING TO DISCUSSION OF CONTENT OF AGREEMENT
ACTIVITIES AND DEFINITION OF SCIENTIFIC/TECHNOLOGICAL EXCHANGES TO BE
COVERED. IN THIS CONTEXT, DCM NOTED SUBSTANTIAL IDENTITY OF ITEMS
LISTED IN CZECHOSLOVAK DRAFT ARTICLE 3 AND US DRAFT ARTICLE 2.
EXCEPTING CZECHOSLOVAK DRAFT ARTICLE 2.F(RE JOINT COMMISSION),
WHOSE SUBSTANCE COVERED BY US DRAFT ARTICLE VII, ONLY CZECHOSLOVAK
DRAFT ARTICLE 3.C EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON PATENTS AND
LICENSES) DID NOT HAVE COUNTERPART IN US DRAFT. ZANTOVSKY NOTED THAT
CZECHOSLOVAK SIDE WISHED TO PROVIDE FOR EXCHANGE OF LISTS OF AVAILABL
E
PATENTS AND LICENSES RATHER THAN PATENTS AND LICENSES THEMSELVES. HE
NOTED APPRECIATION OF FACT THAT ON US SIDE, LICENSING INFORMATION IS
PRIMARILY A COMMERCIAL MATTER, WOULD WELCOME
DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS ON THIS POINT; ALTHOUGH WE RECOGNIZE THAT
EXCHANGE OF LICENSE INFORMATION MIGHT MORE PROPERLY BE PROVIDED
FOR IN A COMMERCIAL AGREEMENT, WE FEEL THAT INCLUSION OF
THIS POINT IN EXCHANGES AGREEMENT WOULD NOT BE INIMICAL TO OUR
OVERALL OBJECTIVES (TRADE PROMOTION AS WELL AS TECHNOLOGICAL EXCHANGE
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IN US-CZECHOSLOVAK RELATIONS.

5. WE DID NOT RAISE QUESTION OF EXCHANGE OF LETTERS PENDING
RECEIPT BY EMBASSY OF LETTER CITED AT END OF REFTEL PARA 5.

6. MEETING WAS CORIDAL AND INFORMAL, SHOWING PROMISE OF FURTHER
CONVERGENCE OF VIEWS.

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